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Colleges Scotland comment on SFC Indicative Funding 2015-16

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

The funding levels are in line with what we expected (£526 million), but it's still a tough settlement at a time when the sector is facing a number of challenges.

Under the new settlement, colleges are helping to tackle the problem of over 70,000 young unemployed people and delivering the recommendations in the Developing the Young Workforce strategy. They are also looking forward to closer partnership working with Skills Development Scotland, the Scottish Funding Council and the Government to tackle the challenges.

The sector is structurally stronger than before, but meeting the needs of both younger and adult learners and the economy - whilst ensuring sustainability for the sector - will continue to be our priorities.

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